COSCA (Core Outcome Sets for Cardiac Arrest Clinical Trials) Study

Additional information for potential participants: Identifying a core outcome set for cardiac arrest clinical trials

What is the purpose of this study?
The purpose of this study is to make sure that the correct measurements are being recorded in cardiac arrest clinical trials and that these include the measurements patients feel are the most important. Currently in cardiac arrest research there are no guidelines in place for what should be measured in all trials. This means lots that a lot of different measurements are being recorded in trials making it difficult to compare the success of different treatments. In addition to this what is currently measured in trials to test treatments is decided by clinicians and researchers, we would like to get a patient's input to this as they know what really matters to a cardiac arrest patient. This study is being conducted as part of a PhD.

Why have I been chosen?
You have been chosen to take part in this study because you have either experienced a cardiac arrest or someone close to you has. We feel that your experience can provide us with valuable information that clinicians and researchers may not have thought about before.

Do I have to take part?
It is not compulsory to take part, but we will be extremely grateful if you would be interested in being a part of the study.

What will happen if I continue to take part?
Your involvement in the study will consist of three rounds of questionnaires that can be completed online. The questionnaire will ask you to give measurements that are taken in cardiac arrest care a score based on how important you think they are to you or your partner. We estimate that each questionnaire will take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. After each round of questionnaire the group results will be collected and anonymised and the mean results will be displayed with the next questionnaire. In the second questionnaire you can change your response if you like.

What are the possible risks and benefits?
The disadvantage of this process is that it will take up a modest amount of your time. There are no direct benefits of taking part in the research, however this research has the potential to benefit future generations.

What happens if I have any questions, concerns or complaints about the research?
Please do not hesitate to contact the research team via email. Complaints can be directed to Ms Jo Horsbrugh who is not a member of the direct research team. Contact details:

telephone 024 7652 3716 Email: n.lynch@warwick.ac.uk Address: University of Warwick, Research Support Services, University House, Kirby Corner Road, Coventry, CV5 8UW.

Will my participation be confidential?
All results will be anonymised. Any results will be collectively represented as group results rather than any individual results. Only members of the research team will have access to any of your personal contact details and these will be stored securely.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on with the study?
You are free to withdraw from the study at any stage, however we would be grateful that you only choose to take part in the study if you are able to complete all three rounds of the questionnaire. If we do not have a high completion rate of all questionnaire rounds this can affect the quality of our results.

What will happen to the results of the research?
The larger study is expected to be completed towards the end of 2015. The results will be published in a medical journal. If you would like a copy of the published results please let us know.

Who is organising and funding the study contact details?
The study is being organised by Laura Whitehead a PhD student at the University of Warwick. The study will be overseen by Dr Kirstie Haywood and Professor Gavin Perkins. The research will also be supported by the Academic Department of Anaesthesia, Critical Care, Pain and Resuscitation. This study has been reviewed and approved by a NHS ethics committee. Currently this study is not receiving any external funding.

If you have any questions about the study before making a decision whether to participate please contact us for more information on cosca@warwick.ac.uk

Kind regards,

Laura Whitehead